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In re Application of: Fulvio (nmi) Arecco, et al.
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Examiner: David S. Kim
Title: AUTOPROTECTED OPTICAL COMMUNICATION RING NETWORK

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the Advisory Action mailed January 28, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.

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